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1-44 (Cancelled).

45 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim [[44]] 95 wherein said article is a diaper.

46 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim [[44]] 95 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in ~~at least one~~ of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.

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47-49 (Cancelled).

50 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim [[44]] 95 wherein the stretchable multilayer chassis comprises a chassis liner and an outer cover, said chassis liner defining the inner surface of said chassis and said outer cover defining the outer surface of said chassis.

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51 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

52 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

53 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

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54 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

55 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

56 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

57 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

58 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

59 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

60 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a

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5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

61 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

62 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 61 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block  
5 elastomeric copolymers.

63 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim [[44]] 95 wherein the absorbent body comprises at least an absorbent core.

64 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent body further comprises at least one of a tissue wrapsheet and an absorbent body liner.

65 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material.

66 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having an inner  
5 surface and an outer surface, said chassis comprising:  
an elastic chassis liner defining the inner surface of the

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chassis and being stretchable at least laterally; and  
an elastic outer cover secured to the chassis liner and  
defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover  
10 being stretchable at least laterally;  
an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer  
surface, and longitudinal ends, the absorbent body comprising:  
an absorbent core;  
a tissue wrapsheet wrapped about the absorbent core; and  
15 a surge management layer; and  
an absorbent body liner secured at least in part to the  
chassis liner, said absorbent body being disposed between the  
absorbent body liner and the chassis liner with the surge  
management layer disposed between the tissue wrapsheet and the  
20 absorbent body liner;  
the inner surface of the absorbent body being free from  
contact with the chassis at the longitudinal ends of the  
absorbent body.

67 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to  
the stretchable multilayer chassis in ~~at least one of a lateral  
attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.~~

68 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body ~~has an outer  
surface, the absorbent body being~~ is affixed along at least a  
portion of its outer surface to the chassis liner.

69-75 (Cancelled).

76 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent  
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner  
comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

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77 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

78 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

79 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

80 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

81 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a  
5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

82 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

83 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 82 wherein the stretchable polymer

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is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene,  
heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block  
5 elastomeric copolymers.

84 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent  
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body  
comprises at least one of a non-stretch material and a low  
stretch material.

85 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent  
article set forth in claim 66, wherein the absorbent core  
comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent  
fibers.

86-87 (Cancelled).

88 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:  
a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal  
axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, an outer surface,  
an elastic chassis liner defining the inner surface of the  
5 chassis and being stretchable at least laterally, and an  
elastic outer cover secured to the chassis liner and defining  
the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover being  
stretchable at least laterally;

an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer  
10 surface and longitudinal ends, said absorbent body being  
affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the  
inner surface of said chassis whereby the inner surface of the  
absorbent body lies against a wearer of the article during use,  
said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of  
15 the absorbent body; and

at least one leg elastic member interposed between the  
elastic outer cover and the elastic chassis liner.

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89 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 88 further comprising at least one waist elastic member interposed between the elastic outer cover and the elastic chassis liner.

90 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 88 wherein the inner surface of the absorbent body is free from contact with the chassis at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body.

91 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 further comprising at least one leg elastic member interposed between the outer cover and the chassis liner.

92 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 further comprising at least one waist elastic member interposed between the outer cover and the chassis liner.

93 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 further comprising at least one leg elastic member interposed between the outer cover and the chassis liner.

94 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 further comprising at least one waist elastic member interposed between the outer cover and the chassis liner.

95 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:  
a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, and an outer surface; said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and  
5 an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer surface and longitudinal ends, said absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the

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inner surface of said chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body lies against a wearer of the article during use,  
10 the inner surface of the absorbent body being free from contact with the chassis at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

96 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:  
a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface and an outer surface; said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and  
5 an absorbent body having an outer surface in opposed relationship with the inner surface of the chassis and an inner surface facing away from the chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body lies against a wearer of the article during use, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a  
10 portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of the chassis, the entire inner surface of the absorbent body being free from contact with the chassis, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

97 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:  
a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface and an outer surface; said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and  
5 an absorbent body having an outer surface in opposed relationship with the inner surface of the chassis and an inner surface facing away from the chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body faces a wearer of the article during use, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of  
10 its outer surface to the inner surface of the chassis, the



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entire inner surface of the absorbent body being uncovered by the chassis, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

98 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, an outer surface and longitudinally opposite ends; said chassis being stretchable at  
5 least laterally and being unfolded at least at said longitudinal ends; and

an absorbent body having an outer surface in opposed relationship with the inner surface of the chassis and an inner surface facing away from the chassis whereby the inner surface  
10 of the absorbent body faces a wearer of the article during use, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of the chassis, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.